

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Mode

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews and the soldiers were guarding Thine immaculate Body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting life unto the world. Wherefore, the powers of the Heavens cried out to Thee, O Lifegiver: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy Kingdom. Glory to Thy dispensation, O only Friend of man.

Apolytikion for Euthymius the Great in the Fourth Mode

Be glad, O barren one, that hast not given birth; be of good cheer, thou that hast not travailed; for a man of desires hath multiplied thy children of the Spirit, having planted them in piety and reared them in continence to the perfection of the virtues. By his prayers, O Christ our God, make our life peaceful.

Apolytikion of the Church in the First Mode

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit; and they were assured by the blessing that Thou are the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος· βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

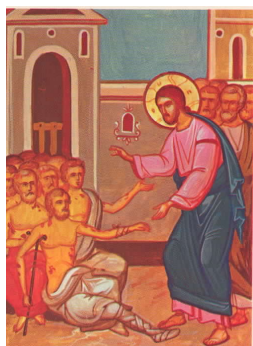
Seasonal Kontakion in the First Mode

Your birth sanctified a Virgin's womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Gospel of Luke 17:12-19



At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

January 20 - 27, 2019

Welcome To Our Visitors

WELCOME TO THE ASCENSION PARISH. Your presence has brought us much joy. We hope your visit is memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the Divine Liturgy and visit with Fr. Sotiri and with members of the Parish Council. They will answer questions and provide you with information regarding the programs and life at the Ascension.

Spiritual Reflection

"...Oh, if we Christians knew the variety and number of the spiritual diseases from which Christ the Lord heals us every day, we would quickly turn to Him, fall at His feet and thank Him from this moment to the hour of our death--which hour is not far from any one of us. To our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be glory and praise, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit--the Trinity consubstantial and undivided, now and forever, through all time and all eternity. Amen."

Orthodox Heritage

Weekly Calendar

Sunday	January 20	12th Sunday of Luke St. Euthymios
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
	Coffee Fellowship hosted by SCS 4 th – 8th grade classes	
6:30 p.m.	Sanctity of Life Prayer Service & Presentation, SS Peter & Paul Church, Burr Ridge	
Monday	January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday	January 22	
4:45 p.m.	Greek School	
Wednesday	January 23	
6 a.m.	Encounter the Word Men's Bible Study	
10 a.m.	HOPE	
Thursday	January 24	
6:30 p.m.	Marriage Ministry Special Presentation by Dr. Ary @ LightSource Unlimited, Vernon Hills	
6:15 p.m.	Greek School: Beginners/Advanced Beginners	
7:45 p.m.	Greek School Intermediate/Advanced	
Friday	January 25	St. Gregory the Theologian
8 a.m.	Orthros	
9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
6 p.m.	GOYA Retreat @ St. Iakovos Center through Saturday noon	
Saturday	January 26	
5 p.m.	Vespers @ House Chapel	
Sunday	January 27	15th Sunday of Luke
8:15 a.m.	Orthros	
9:15 a.m.	Sunday Church School	
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	
2 p.m.	Hellenic Letters Luncheon, Chateau Ritz	

+ **2019 STEWARDSHIP – All Things Are Possible to the One Who Believes in Christ!** Stewardship has been defined as faith in action. It provides us an avenue to humbly thank God for all the gifts he has given us by sharing these gifts to do God's work. Offering our time, talent, and treasures to support His churches truly demonstrates our belief because we are actively supporting God's work in helping those in need and teaching His Word. As we move ever closer to opening the doors to our new church, we need everyone at Ascension to answer the call of stewardship in whatever capacity each of us can. We're thankful for the 158 families that have pledged their time, talent and treasures to Ascension this year, but we need everyone's help. If you haven't yet, please complete the 2019 Stewardship card and submit it as soon as possible. Put your faith in action and help support Ascension in reaching new heights in 2019!

+ **COFFEE HOUR APPEAL:** Coffee hour offers us a valuable opportunity each week to spend time in fellowship with each other after we worship together as a parish family. We appreciate everyone who has graciously hosted in the past. Let's keep the momentum going so we may keep this ministry vibrant! To host coffee fellowship with your family, or together with another family, please sign up via our website, or by calling the church office. Thank you in advance for offering your love and commitment to this important ministry.

+ **MEN'S KOINONIA UPCOMING EVENT** - Get your aprons ready! We're going to a Cooking Class at Tastebuds in Bannockburn. Saturday, 2/16, 4:30-6:30. \$65/person, in teams of 2. Spouses are welcome! Great fun and fellowship. Signup deadline is Wednesday 2/6. Class size is limited, so act fast! Contact Demetri Katsulis for more info dtk111@comcast.net, or (847) 370-3719.

Our Sunday Volunteers

Prospora: Maria Karalis & Elaine Metropoulos
Epistle Reader: Caity Anast
Greeters: David & Kathie Rutkowski
Ushers: **Bill Athenson (UIC)**, Frank Kazas, Peter Venetos, Doug Hugdahl, Diane Sigalos, Chris Chatzidakis, Demetri Katsulis

Prayer Requests for Health

PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PERSONAL PRAYERS the servants of God: Eleni, George, Louise, Anastasia, Stella, Mitchell, Joanne, Panagiotis, Christina, Dee, Helen, Sophia, Connie, Janet, Anthony, Fred, Katerini, James, Theresa, Peter, Anna, Ignacio, Alexander, Anthony

Announcements

+ **THIS WEDNESDAY 1/23: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP: ENCOUNTER THE WORD:** Join us this Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. at the Church house for the next Men's Bible Study Group. The topic, which will be led by Fr. Sotiri, is Study the Sunday Gospels: Luke 19:1-10: Zacchaios.. The following session will take place on February 6th. Please RSVP to david.rutkowski55@yahoo.com. If you have an Orthodox Study Bible, (or are able to download the Orthodox Study Bible app), please bring it along.

+ **ASCENSION'S BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY WILL MEET AT THE CHURCH HOUSE THIS THURSDAY:** Join us this Thursday, January 24th from 10:30 a.m. to noon for Bible Study. This year we are studying the Gospel of Matthew. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Marcia Moore at marcia.moore1780@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for the following Bible Ministry gatherings in February: 7, 21 and 28.

+ **MARRIAGE MINISTRY ANNOUNCES A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY:** Please join us on Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. to welcome Dr. Ary Christofidis back as the guest speaker at the annual Ascension Marriage Ministry speaking event. The title of his presentation will be "Renew Your Commitment." Dr. Christofidis is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and a frequent visitor to Ascension who has led some very thought-provoking presentations for us the past few years. The event will be held at LightSource Unlimited, 980 Corporate Woods Pkwy, Vernon Hills. Please RSVP to Luke Jonson at loukasjonson@gmail.com if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you all there!

+ **PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU TO THIS YEAR'S APOKREATIKO GLENDI,** which takes place on Sunday, March 3, 2019, at the Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. In an effort to go green, Glendi invitation/reservation forms will be available to download and print on the Philoptochos page of Ascension's website. Reservations will also be taken after Liturgy on Sundays. Questions and reservations may be directed to Andrea Rogers at 847.682.4816, abrogers3@gmail.com. Philoptochos is also seeking donations for this year's Basket Venture. For more information, contact Faye Kopplin at 847.561.2324, koppfm@gmail.com. Please join us!

+ **THE HELLENIC LETTERS LUNCHEON** "Αριστείον το Άγραφον" Awards Ceremony will take place next Sunday, January 27th at 2 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz in Niles. Please contact Maria Theodoropulu (mariatheod@hotmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

+ **ADULTS/ADOLESCENTS GREEK SCHOOL PROGRAM 2018-2019 OPEN HOUSE FOR 2nd SEMESTER:** If you are interested in learning to speak Greek, or you wish to improve your Greek and have a good time, please join us on Thursday, **January 31st** at **7 pm** at the Church House to find out more about what Ascension's Adults/Adolescents Greek School program has to offer.

+ **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE:** Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago and the Metropolis of Chicago Archons invite the faithful to a lecture and discussion entitled, "Existential Threats Confronting The Ecumenical Patriarchate: Why Americans Should Care." The presentation will take place on January 31st at 2:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois I Hotel and Convention Center in Champaign, IL. For more information, see insert and/or please email adpdeli@yahoo.com

+ **TWO MORE WEEKS UNTIL THE PANHELLENIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE OF JANUARY 31** The PanHellenic Scholarship program encourages all undergraduate students of Hellenic descent to apply. The application and further information is available at <https://www.panhellenicsf.org/>. All materials must be submitted electronically as instructed by January 31, 2019.

+ **METROPOLIS TRIVIA NITE:** The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, Department of Religious Education, is hosting "Trivia Nite" at Greek Islands, Lombard, on Thursday, January 31st. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information on this fundraiser for the Religious Ed department, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/yaxb6fda>.

+ **CROSSROAD 2019** is an engaging summer institute for Orthodox Christian high school juniors and seniors that connects students with Orthodox Christian theological and spiritual tradition. In addition to offering the program on the campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross, CrossRoad will again be offered in Chicago on the campus of North Park University, (July 23 – August 2nd). The early registration deadline for this program is February 1, 2019. Visit www.CrossRoadInstitute.org for more information, or Ascension's GOYA Ministry webpage.

+ **LOOKING FOR CAREGIVERS FOR YOUNG & OLD:** From time to time, Ascension's office receives requests from parents of young children as well as children of elderly parents who are looking for some assistance with sitting, carpooling/driving, and overall caregiving. Requests have ranged from needing assistance one day per week to needing full-time help. In order to assist our parish members in locating caregivers to interview, the office can keep a potential list of people who are interested in providing these services for children and for seniors. To be included as a caregiver, please send an email to info@ascensiongoc.com with your name, whether you are available to assist with youth or seniors; and, your general availability. Thank you!

+ **REGISTER NOW: THE FAMILY SYNAXIS WOMEN'S RETREAT** takes place January 25-26, 2019, at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. The retreat leader is Mother Macrina of the Dormition of the Mother of God Orthodox Monastery in Rives Junction, Michigan, who will present: *Confident Women Saints to Emulate*; and, *Prayer—the Backbone of our Lives*. Visit www.gocfamilysynaxis.org for more info and to register.

+ **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE FAMILY SYNAXIS MEN'S RETREAT** which takes place February 22-23, 2019, at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center. This year's retreat leader will be the Rev. Dr. Perry Hamalis and the theme of the retreat will be Great Lent: From False Freedom to True Freedom. More information and other details are posted at: <https://sites.google.com/view/chicagofamilysynaxis>